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BELGRADE, SERBIA, December 28.—What great military and economic advantages were gained by the Germans and their allies with the opening of traffic on the Danube, has been shown by the activity in shipping, which developed directly in Serbia had been driven from the banks of the river. Fighting along the Danube was still in progress when the Austrians started to clear a channel through the mine fields, which the Russians, Serbs and English had laid out. Meanwhile large tows, carrying military supplies needed by Turkey and Bulgaria, were being brought down the river from Austro-Hungarian and German ports and assembled at Semlin, ready for the advance when navigation became possible. Austrian river monitors, notably the Sava and Temes, had in the meantime patrolled the Danube as far as Lom Palanka, and later to Ruschuk, both Bulgarian ports, and in so doing had cleared the river of some Russian armed merchant vessels stationed in the Roumanian port of Turn-Severin. These vessels were not sunk or captured by the Austrians, but were the fact that on the day which the Associated Press correspondent made the trip up the river as a guest on the Sava, they were being conveyed down stream by Roumanian monitors. The Russians themselves flying the Roumanian flag.

The Bulgarian port of Lom Palanka was the scene of great activity. For fifteen months no boats from up stream had given there, and the port was crowded with barges from Austria and Germany. On the previous day King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his family had been in Lom Palanka to assist in the resumption of traffic between Bulgaria and the central powers, an event which Germany and Austria-Hungary thought important enough to have their crown prince, Duke Albert of Mecklenburg, brother-in-law of Emperor William, who was a passenger on the first convey arriving.

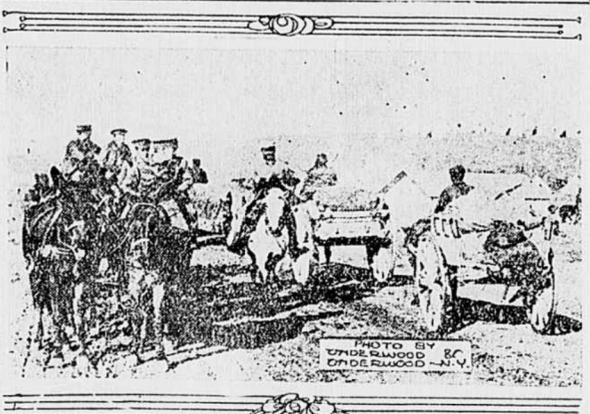
MILITARY SUPPLIES.—FIRST SHIPMENT For the first two weeks nothing but military supplies were shipped down stream, principally arms and ammunition for Bulgaria and Turkey. Both these countries stood in need of heavy artillery and machine gun ammunition. Some of the latest types of machine guns, number of heavy motor trucks, combat and scout airplanes, ambulances and sanitary supplies. Since then ordinary merchandise has been admitted to shipment. The first of these were boats carrying raw material of all sorts and foodstuffs. During the last few days a regular passenger and mail service to Lom Palanka has been in operation, and it is believed that the Danube may be considered normal, with the difference that never before had it known such proportions. The military supplies of which Bulgaria and Turkey can make heavy use, and on the other hand, Austria-Hungary and Germany offer an eager market for the agricultural and animal industry products of the two first-mentioned countries.

Some anxiety had been felt in Constantinople and lately in Sofia that the heavy demand which the war made on their relatively scant stores of artillery ammunition might create a large problem it would be difficult to solve in case a free route of communication were not opened up. This, in fact, was the principal reason why the long-delayed offensive against Serbia was undertaken, when it was, though the attitude of Bulgaria necessarily played an important part in this. But German and Austrian stores are not the sole factor. The central powers could make good use of Turkish and Bulgarian wool, skin, hides, cereals and copper ores, and Turkey and Bulgaria needed the raw materials which come from the sale of these materials. It is to be doubted that history ever before presented an instance in which the opening of a line of communication met so adequately the needs of allied peoples engaged in war, or that from this condition so urgent a necessity had sprung. For the first time since the outbreak of the European war, Germany and Austria-Hungary are relatively independent economically, while Turkey and Bulgaria now have within their reach an inexhaustible supply of war materials, in exchangeable to-day because the German and Austro-Hungarian arms and ammunition manufacturers now have access to the great mineral stores of the Balkans and the Ottoman empire. The shortage of copper in the central states has been ended by the taking of the copper mines near Milanovo and elsewhere in Serbia. Bulgaria, too, has a large number of copper mines, the best of them near Mesira, on the Mesirala-Lom Palanka branch railroad, and the Turks can meet any possible shortage with ores from Anatolia, notably from the Chyryna region. Chemical raw material also may be brought from Turkey in Asia and a quantity of cotton for explosives is now being produced locally, since this staple is produced in considerable quantities in the Cilician plain. It is of interest to learn that even a placer gold field has fallen into the hands of the central powers, that near Milanovo, Serbia. Washing is now in progress.

ONE DAY'S TRAFFIC REACHES TOTAL OF 6,330 CARLOADS In a single day the Associated Press correspondent saw as many as thirty tows go down the river, each consisting of a tug and seven barges, the latter each carrying the equivalent of 100 freight cars. The day's traffic totaled a total of 6,330 carloads, or 27,320 tons of average size. For the five days spent on the river the total cannot be less than 10,000 carloads, or, with bulk and weight brought into relations, over 1,000,000 tons. Many of the tows came directly from Germany, the names of the barges' home ports and the distances traveled indicating that they had been concentrated at the Austrian reaches of the Danube when the offensive against Serbia had not yet begun. As an example of German and Austro-Hungarian thoroughness, the preparations for the resumption of Danube traffic are noteworthy.

Already train connections for military purposes exist between Belgrade and Constantinople, and, according to reports made here, through passenger and express freight services will be in operation within three weeks via Belgrade and Nish. The Serbs were not given time enough to destroy this line as they thought it would be of little use, and as a result of this people here hope to travel soon on the "B" express, a train that will link Brussels, Berlin, Budapest, Belgrade, Bulgaria, Byzantium.

British and Greek Transports



A curious contrast between the British and Greek transports is presented here. British Tommies look on with interest at the small two-wheeled carts used by the Greeks, which the former pass on the highway near Saloniki. In the distance can be seen the British camp.

AMUSEMENTS

MUSIC, HUMOR AND GIRLS MAKE "SARL" DELICIOUS

Now we can understand the tremendous vogue of "SarL" Why? Because we have heard "SarL" once, and that is sufficient reason. Hearing it twice would provide two sufficient reasons, and probably more. For the piece is so chuck-full of good things that one hearing is hardly enough to permit the average brain to take them all in.

Unless you want to read just to be reading, don't bother about poring through this notice, but so at once and get seats for one or both of the performances that will be given to-day. And when you too, have heard it, you will agree that it is the brightest, funniest, prettiest and most musical comedy that ever came out of Hungary. Indeed, it may well be doubted if all Austria-Hungary had produced anything more entrancing in its kind of music comedy than "SarL" unless "The Chocolate Soldier" be excepted.

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Of the many factors destined to carry "The Battle Cry of Peace" to public popularity—for it is a picture well worth seeing—is the personality of its chief actor, Charles Richman. With Mr. Richman as the central figure in the human interest of the picture, which consists of the adventures of two families caught in the maelstrom of invasion, were Joseph Kilgour. This is a charge of being a fugitive from justice from Portsmouth, where he was said to be wanted on a felony charge. The charge entered against him of stealing at overcoat, a watch and \$12 from Charles J. Gibson, was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday.

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The third count charged the warden with permitting convicts to go into the death house to visit Charles Becker. The fourth count charged Osborne with failure to maintain proper discipline, and the fifth alleged that he permitted lights between convicts. The sixth count contains allegations against the moral character of the warden in his relations with prisoners.

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Large advertisement for 'The Battle Cry of Peace' photo play at The Strand Theater. The ad features a large illustration of a man in a military uniform holding a flag, and text describing the play as 'The Most Stupendous Photo Play Ever Shown' and 'Sixty-Seven Thousand People So Beautiful. So Horrible'.

Advertisement for Bellans, a medicine for indigestion. The ad includes an illustration of a bottle of Bellans and text stating 'Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.'

Advertisement for Smith & Webster, featuring a watch and the slogan 'We Fight The Trust'. The ad includes an illustration of a watch and text stating 'We Undersell Them All' and 'Special This Week, \$10.00.'